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AROUND LIN GRIFFIN'S DINING ROOM TABLE IN BROOKLYN, A COUNCIL OF WAR IS IN PROGRESS...

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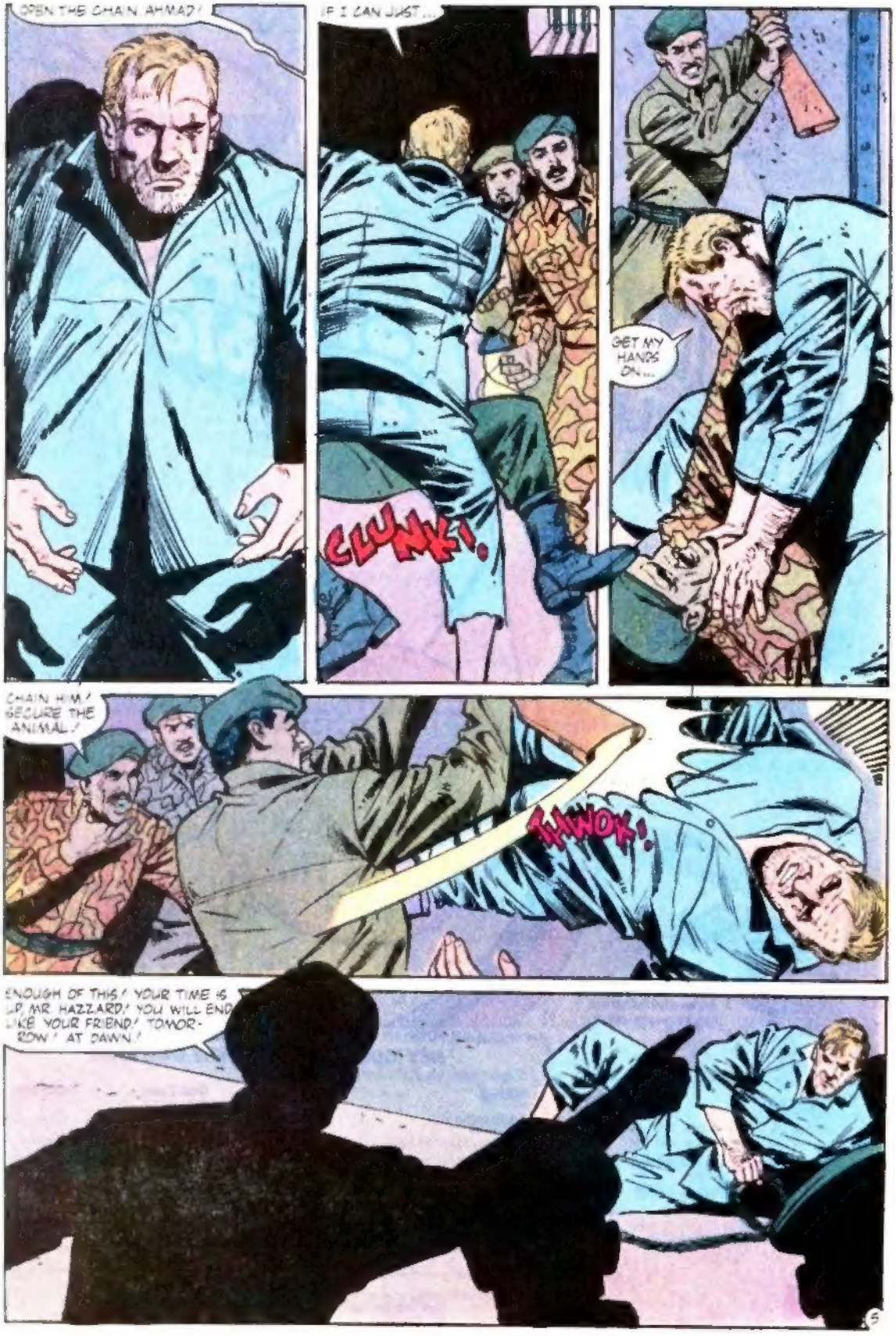
OUR FRIENDS IN TEHERAN TELL ME THAT MARK IS HERE, IN A PRISON NEAR BANDAR ABBAS, RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE STRAITS OF HORMUS. MAZ HEAVILY GUARDED.
SO WHAT DO WE DO?
WE GO IN AND GET HIM BACK-- WHAT ELSE?
SGT. MAJOR, CAN YOU GATHER SOME OF THE WILD GEESE? REMEMBER, WE HAVE NO TRAINING TIME. THEY HAVE TO BE READY NOW!
I DON'T THINK THAT WILL PRESENT A PROBLEM, SIR. MARK HAZZARD HAS A LOT OF I.O.U.s HE CAN CALL IN.
TREETOP! CAN YOU GET US SOME TRANSPORT?

MAN I'LL DO MORE THAN THAT -- YOU'LL HAVE YOUR TRANSPORT -- AND A LITTLE BIT EXTRA. I HAVE SOME MARKERS I CAN CALL IN TOO!
AND WHAT CAN I DO?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
I COULD USE A COUPLE OF SILENT READY ASSASSINS. KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD FIT THE BILL?
YOU JUST TELL ME WHERE AND WHEN -- YOU'LL HAVE WHAT YOU NEED! THANK YOU!
MAL, YOU MEET ME HERE TOMORROW AND WE'LL PICK OUT THE SPECIAL "EQUIPMENT" WE'LL BE NEEDING.
THE REST OF YOU, WE RENDEZVOUS 36 HOURS FROM NOW AT THE ARRANGED SPOT -- THEN ON TO ...

...THE AYATOLLAH'S PARADISE.
BANDAR ABBAS
MEANWHILE, IN BANDAR ABBAS...
THERE ARE OTHER PRIORITIES...
GOTCHA!
SO! MARK HAZZARD KILLING RATS! QUITE A COMEDOWN, EH, MR. HAZZARD?
SNAP!
COME MR. HAZZARD! IT'S TIME FOR OUR DAILY CHAT. THEN, IF YOU ARE COOPERATIVE, WE WILL SEE ABOUT YOUR LUNCH!


OPEN THE CHAIN AHMAD!
IF I CAN JUST...
CLUNK!
GET MY HANDS ON...
CHAIN HIM! SECURE THE ANIMAL!
WHOK!
ENOUGH OF THIS! YOUR TIME IS UP, MR HAZZARD! YOU WILL END LIKE YOUR FRIEND! TOMORROW! AT DAWN!
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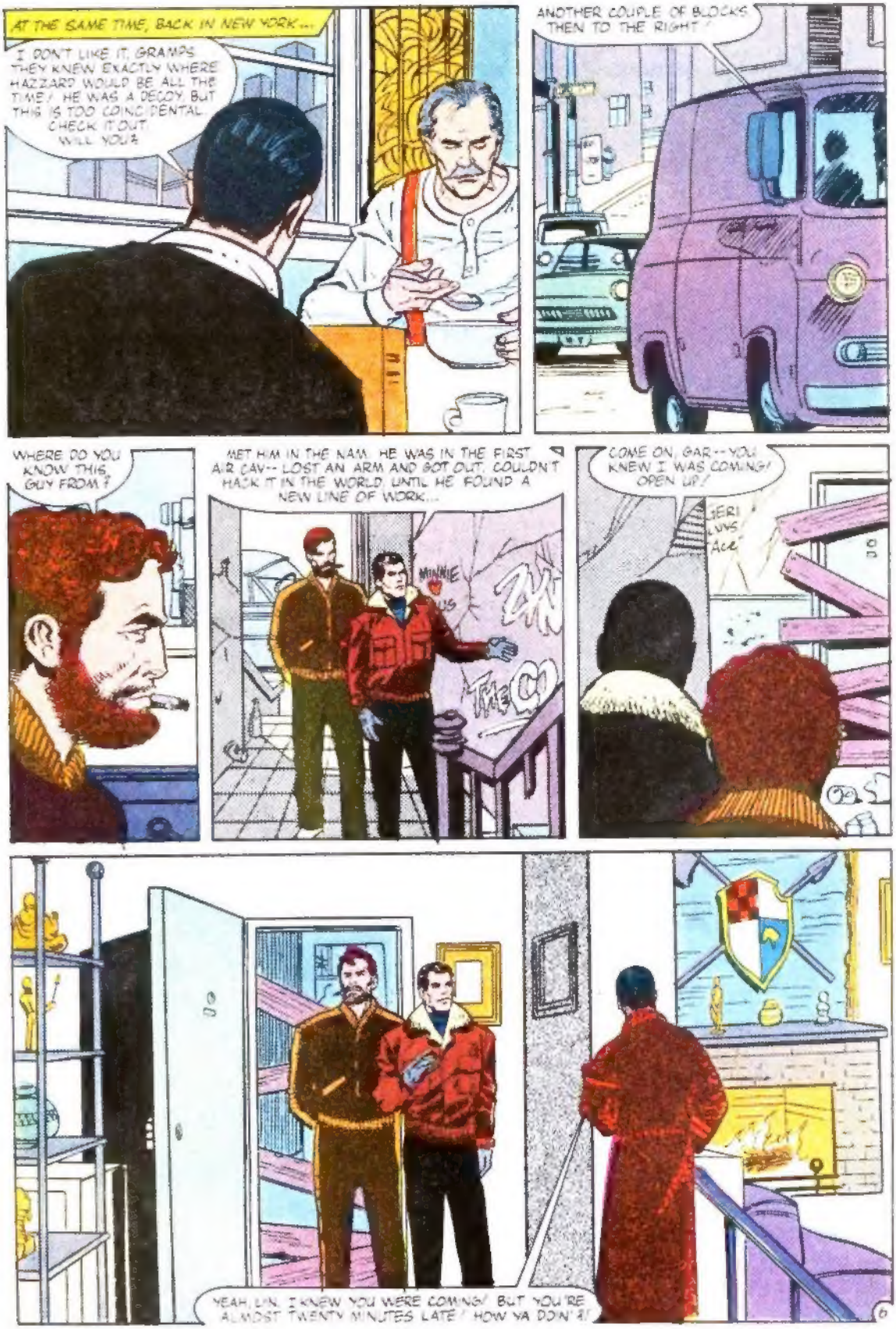
AT THE SAME TIME, BACK IN NEW YORK...
I DON'T LIKE IT, GRAMPS. THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE HAZZARD WOULD BE ALL THE TIME! HE WAS A DECOY. BUT THIS IS TOO COINCIDENTAL. CHECK IT OUT. WILL YOU?
ANOTHER COUPLE OF BLOCKS THEN TO THE RIGHT.
WHERE DO YOU KNOW THIS GUY FROM?
MET HIM IN THE NAM. HE WAS IN THE FIRST AIR CAV-- LOST AN ARM AND BOT OUT. COULDN'T HACK IT IN THE WORLD. UNTIL HE FOUND A NEW LINE OF WORK...
MINNIE LUVS
COME ON, GAR-- YOU KNEW I WAS COMING! OPEN UP!
JERI LUVS ACE
YEAH, LIN. I KNEW YOU WERE COMING! BUT YOU'RE ALMOST TWENTY MINUTES LATE! HOW YA DOIN'?
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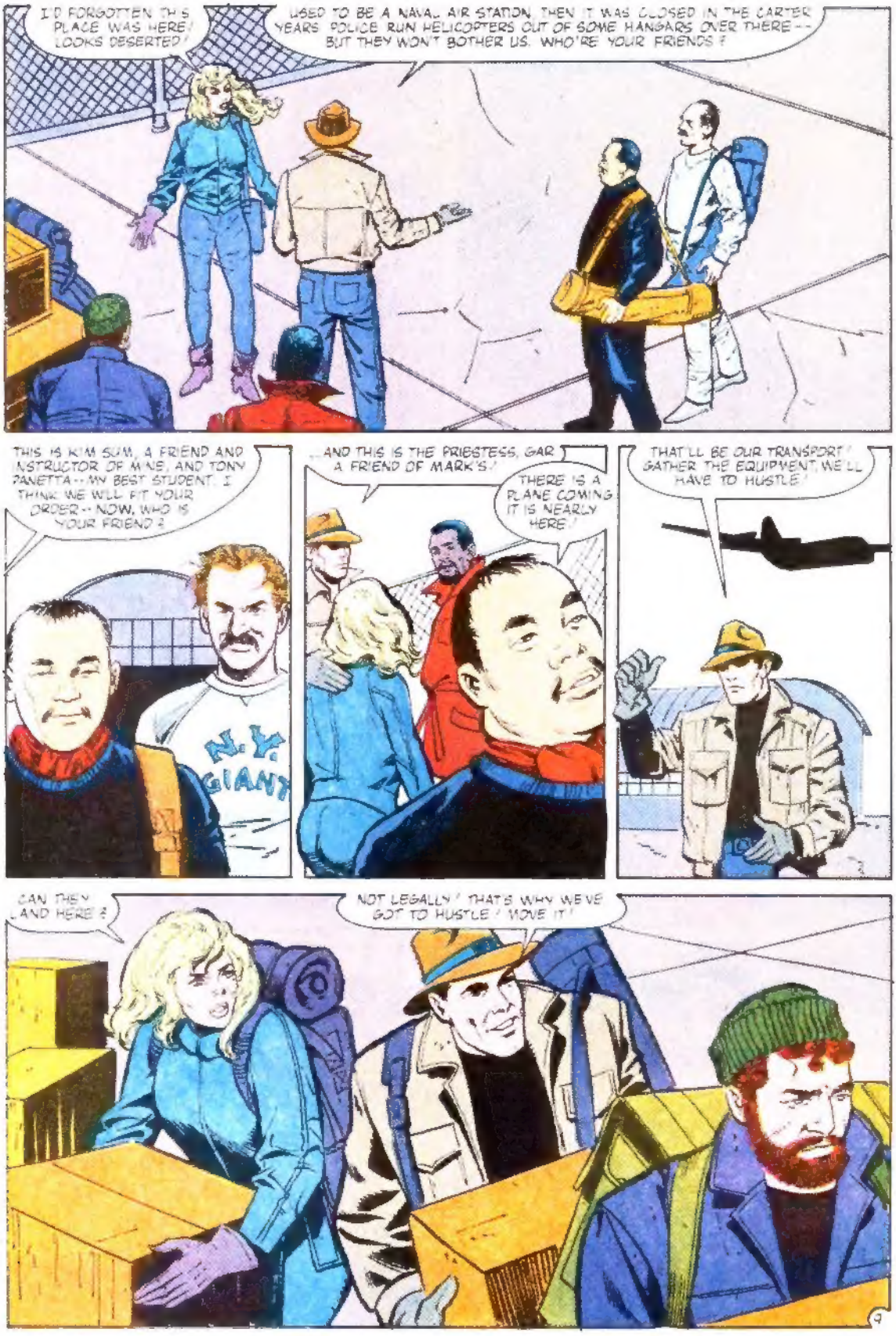
HEY! THIS IS A TURNER! A REAL TURNER!
OF COURSE! DID YOU THINK I LACKED TASTE JUST BECAUSE I PREFER TO LIVE WHERE MY PARENTS DID? HOW GAUCHE!
NOW, I.N., I KNOW THIS IS NOT A SOCIAL CALL. WHAT DO YOU NEED?
A LOT, GAR! A HELLUVA LOT!
THE IRANIANS, OF ALL PEOPLE, GOT MARK HAZZARD WHILE HE WAS DOING A JOB FOR ME! I'VE GOT TO SPRING HIM! AND I NEED... JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THAT WOULD HELP!
CLICK!
ANYTHING HERE YOU LIKE?
9 MM
45 AUTO
12 GA.
25 CAL
38 SPEC

BLOODY H.../ YOU'VE GOT MORE STUFF HERE THAN THE HORSE GUARDS!
MAYBE. NOW, WHAT DO YOU NEED?
MONEY COULD BE A PROBLEM... THIS IS PURELY PERSONAL..
NO PROBLEM! THIS IS ON THE HOUSE! HAZZARD PULLED ME OUT OF A TIGHT ONE IN THE NAM, ONCE UPON A TIME! YOU GET WHAT YOU NEED-- AND I GO ALONG!
BUT YOUR ARM...
--IS NO PROBLEM! I'M IN


I'D FORGOTTEN THIS PLACE WAS HERE! LOOKS DESERTED!
USED TO BE A NAVAL AIR STATION. THEN IT WAS CLOSED IN THE CARTER YEARS. POLICE RUN HELICOPTERS OUT OF SOME HANGARS OVER THERE -- BUT THEY WON'T BOTHER US. WHO'RE YOUR FRIENDS?
THIS IS KIM SUM, A FRIEND AND INSTRUCTOR OF MINE, AND TONY PANETTA -- MY BEST STUDENT. I THINK WE'LL FIT YOUR ORDER -- NOW, WHO IS YOUR FRIEND?
N.Y. GIANTS
...AND THIS IS THE PRIESTESS, GAR A FRIEND OF MARK'S!
THERE IS A PLANE COMING. IT IS NEARLY HERE!
THAT'LL BE OUR TRANSPORT! GATHER THE EQUIPMENT. WE'LL HAVE TO HUSTLE!
CAN THEY LAND HERE?
NOT LEGALLY! THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO HUSTLE! MOVE IT!

COME ON MOVE - WE CAN'T SIT HERE FOREVER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?

MEANWHILE IN THE PRISON CAMP OF BANDAR ABBAS
(AND HOW IS OUR STAR BOARDER?)*
(QUIET SIR! VERY QUIET HE SCARES ME SOMEHOW!)
(HE IS AN AMERICAN! NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! NOTHING AT ALL!)
* TRANSLATED FROM THE PARS
(AND BESIDES HE WILL BE DEAD IN THE MORNING HOW CAN HE FRIGHTEN YOU THEN?)
(BUT HE DOES SCARE ME!)
(HE TRULY DOES)

ABOUT THREE MINUTES! GET READY!
HAVE YOU GUYS EVER JUMPED INTO THE OCEAN BEFORE?
WE HAVEN'T EVER JUMPED INTO ANYTHING BEFORE
WHAT NEVER JUMPED WHAT...?
TALK ABOUT LATER!
NOW IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO LEARN

THAT WAS A FOOL THING TO DO!
F$$$
HOW'D YOU HAVE TAKEN ME IF YOU KNEW I'D NEVER JUMPED?
YOU KNEW I WOULDN'T'VE
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU
NEVER ARGUE WITH A WOMAN, MATE. NEVER WON ONE YET
NEVER MIND. LET'S JUST ROW AND GET IN POSITION NOW

THAT'S RIGHT FRED, REALLY MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'VE JUST STAYED WHERE YOU ARE AND
YOU'RE BEING TAKEN OFF COURSE
ABOARD?
THERE'S THE SIGNAL—LET'S GO
FOR THE LOVE OF ALLAH!
YOU'RE

A FEW BUSY MINUTES LATER
NOW IF THE SERGEANT MAJOR CAN DO HIS PART
ALRIGHT GENTLEMEN, POSITIONS PLEASE!
KEEP IT TOGETHER

B-D-D-T!
B-R-R-R-T!

MR. BREMBY, IF YOU PLEASE!
B-D-D-T!
READY, SGT. MAJOR!
ON THE WAY!
WHOO-OO-OSSH!
GOOD SHOT, MR. BREMBY! GOOD SHOT, INDEED!
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH OF A DIVERSION, GENTLEMEN. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

BACK ON THE PATROL BOAT, NEAR NG THE COAST.
WELL LOOKS LIKE NEVE GOT OUR DIVERSION! LET'S GO!
THERE GOES THE SGT MAJOR AND THE GEESE LET'S HOPE THEY MAKE IT ALL RIGHT GET READY--HERE WE GO!
COME ON! LET'S MOVE IT!
MEANWHILE, BACK IN BANDAR ABBAS PRISON...
THIRTY SECONDS! GET SOME DISTANCE!
NOT A BAD LITTLE BOOM! SHOULD STIR THINGS UP A BIT!
KA-BLOOM!

THERE IS TROUBLE DOWN AT THE SHORE. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS HERE, KILL THE AMERICAN! IMMEDIATELY!
YES SIR. AT ONCE, SIR
ON THE PRISON WALL, AWAY FROM THE FIRE...
HURRY, MAL! WE DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'LL REACT TO ALL THE RUCKUS! WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!
NOW, MOVE FAST! WE'VE GOT TO FIND MARK QUICKLY!
GOT TO KILL THE AMERICAN! GOT TO...

THAT MUST BE THE CELL--THE DOOR'S OPEN!
I HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE! IF THOSE BUGGERS D'D...
MARK...
GET THIS OFF MY LEG THERE'S A MAN I HAVE TO KILL!
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